

Site M:26/10/28

Judge Woodward House

111 North Van Buren Street

Built: 1935/36

Private

Delos Smith designed this brick house with its symmetrical facade, slate roof, fan-lit door and other period revival detailing. It was built by Bradley Karn, Sr. for Judge Charles W. Woodward, Chief Judge of the Sixth Circuit Court, and has remained in the family since its erection in 1935/36.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Judge Woodward House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 111 North Van Buren Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Rockville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Patrick and Patricia Woodward

street & number 111 North Van Buren Street telephone no.: 762-3376

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Land Records liber 5672

street & number Montgomery County Courthouse folio 558

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. M-26/10/28

Condition
☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one
☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one
☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This 2-story, 3-bay by 3-bay brick Colonial Revival style house faces west on North Van Buren Street. Set on a high foundation and under a slate gabled roof, this symmetrically balanced common bond brick home is flanked by exterior capped brick chimneys. The house has been well maintained and is in excellent condition.

The symmetrical facade has a raised central porch sheltering the entryway. Two Doric columns support an arched pediment over a concrete base and steps. The six-panel pine door is encased in a Federal style frame that includes sidelights and an elliptical fanlight. Two 6-over-6 wood sash windows flank the entry, with three identical windows above on the second story. All have paneled louvered shutters with their original hinges and hardware.

The north facade has a Doric columned, shed-roofed projecting side porch to which screening was recently added. A rectangular (exterior) brick chimney rises through the center of the gable end ridge. Two quarter round lights at the attic level and two second floor windows flank the chimney.

The east (rear) facade has a two storied, one bay deep brick addition. The northeast bay has a pedimented gable with a half-round lunette. A central shed roofed porch with three steps leads out to the large level yard area. The southeast bay has a recessed second story porch that retains its ballustrade but has been screened in. The south facade is bisected by a large rectangular exterior chimney and is widened at the first level to accommodate a hearth.

Few alterations have been made to this family home. In 1981 Patrick and Patricia Woodward enclosed the upstairs rear screened porch to make a sitting room, and screened in the side and back porches.

This house is typical of the generic "Colonial" style which enjoyed great popularity in the 1930s. While examples of this type abound in the Washington metropolitan area, 111 North Van Buren is one of but a few in Rockville.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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Specific dates 1935–6 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Bradley Karn
Architect: Delos Smith
check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house was constructed in 1935–36 as the residence of Judge Charles W. Woodward, Sr. and his family. Judge Woodward (1895–1969) was Associate Judge and later Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit from 1932 to 1955.

The brick house was designed in the Colonial Revival style by Delos Smith, who was also the architect for the 1931 grey Courthouse in Rockville. The drawing is an original sketch for construction of the house. The builder was Bradley Karn, Senior. Ground was broken on October 28, 1935, and Judge Woodward and his family moved in on July 9, 1936.

The house has remained in the Woodward family since that time. Grandson Patrick Woodward and his wife Patricia purchased the house in March of 1981. They have modernized the interior and added a swimming pool.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Information provided by the Woodward family

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 29,259 square feet

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Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot P 5, Block 14

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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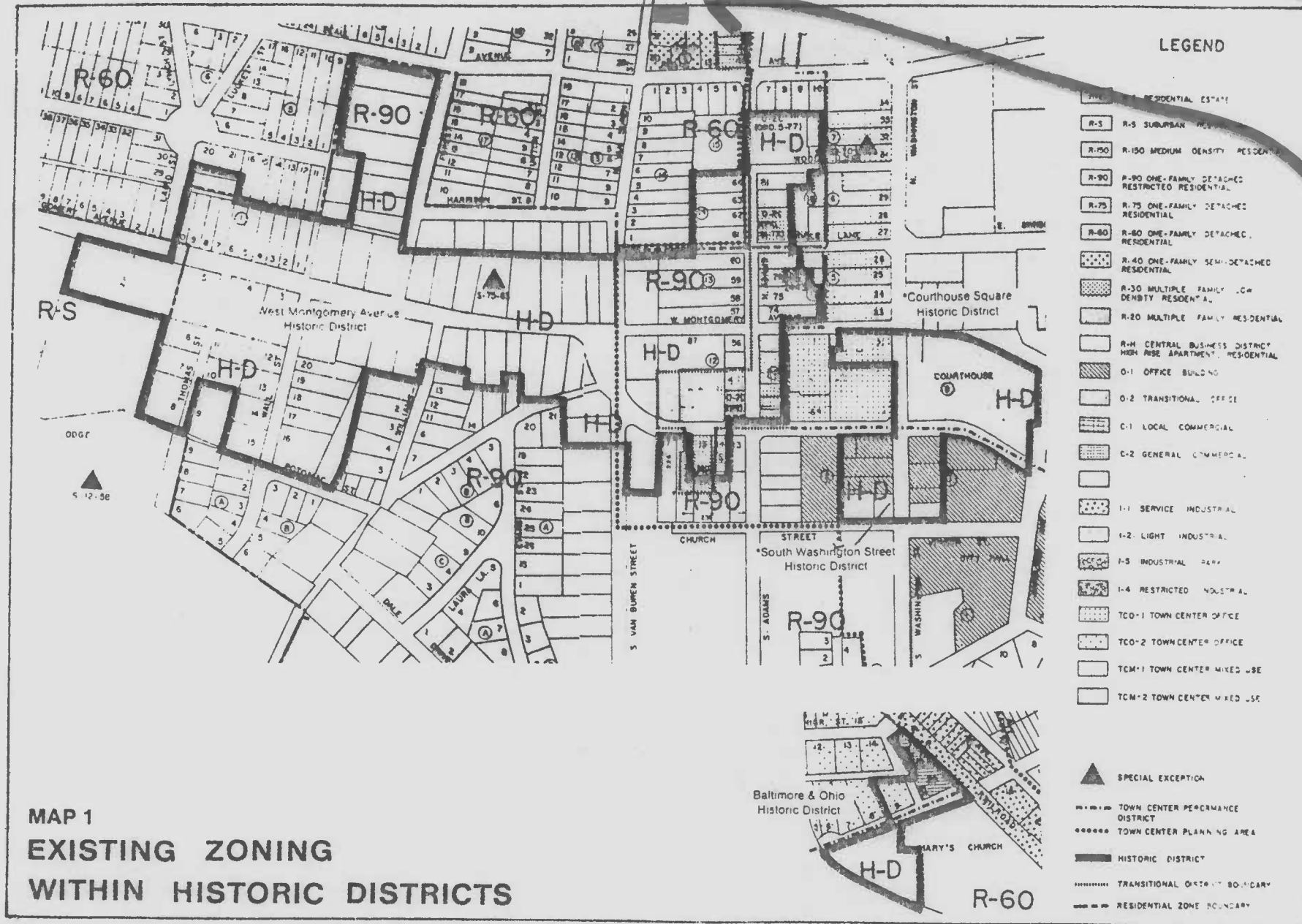
11. Form Prepared By

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*Note: For discussion and planning purposes South Washington Street and the Courthouse Square district are considered independent Historic Districts even though they are shown on the existing zoning map as one district.



Woodward's House - The Front

June 2, 1931.

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— 111 North Van Buren St. —
Original Architect's dwg.



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Judge Woodward's House - The Rear.

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